



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

February 17- February 21, 2025

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The former Spanish colony of Equatorial Guinea is situated on Africa's central west coast near the Equator. It is divided into two components - continental Equatorial Guinea on the mainland, and insular Equatorial Guinea, which comprises of five islands including Bioko, the largest and most famous of the islands. This mountainous volcanic island is shrouded in rainforests and surrounded by stunning black volcanic and white sand beaches.

The tour begins in the port city of Bata and travels to Oyala, the city expected to replace Malabo as the capital. Spend a night at the luxurious Grand hotel situated amid tropical forests before returning to Bata and taking a short flight to Malabo, the capital and oldest city in Equatorial Guinea on the island of Bioko. Travel to the southern coastal village of Moka, to enjoy spectacular views and visit the Wildlife Center to learn about the conservation and rehabilitation program for endangered animals. End your Equatorial Guinea adventure in Malabo and discover its well-preserved colonial structures.

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Monday, February 17

Arrive in Bata (EQUATORIAL GUINEA)



Upon arrival in **Bata**, located on the mainland and the largest city in Equatorial Guinea, meet the local representative and transfer to *Panafrica Hotel or similar* for check-in and overnight.

Tuesday, February 18

Bata - Oyala (Mebere Village)



After breakfast, begin the drive to Oyala via Niefang and Mongoma to visit the **de Mongomo Basilica**, the second largest church in Africa after the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in the Ivory Coast. Oyala, known as the **Ciudad de la Paz** "City of Peace," is expected to replace Malabo as the national capital. Enjoy a short **city tour**, with a visit to **Mebere Village** to enjoy a unique local dance. Transfer to *Djibloho Hotel or similar* for check-in and overnight. **(B,L)**

Wednesday, February 19

Oyala - Mbini - Bata



Begin the drive back to **Bata**, stopping en route to visit **Mbini**, a town known for its fresh seafood and beautiful beaches. Upon arrival in **Bata**, transfer to *Panafrica Hotel or similar* for check-in, then head out on a **city tour** with a visit to **Catedral de Santiago Apóstol y Nuestra Señora del Pilar**, built by the Spanish in 1954, this ochre-plastered cathedral is picked out in brown and stands proud on a hill. Head to visit the **markets** before returning to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L)**

Thursday, February 20

Bata - Malabo (Moka)



Transfer early in the morning to the airport for the flight to **Malabo**, the capital of Equatorial Guinea. Upon arrival, travel south across **Bioko Island** through natural scenery and lively villages to the small town of **Moka**, named after the Bubi King Mookata. The island is a great place to enjoy spectacular views across the island and ocean. At the **Moka Wildlife Center**, learn about the native monkeys, sea turtles, and many endemic bird species. Drive back to Malabo and transfer to *Colinas Hotel or similar* for check-in. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, February 21

Malabo - USA



Begin the day with a morning tour through Malabo's **new city** to admire its wide **boulevards**, modern **government** and **embassy buildings**, and elegant villas. Return to *Colinas Hotel or similar* and have a free afternoon at leisure. Later in the day, transfer to the airport for your evening flight back to the US. **(B,L)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients."

IMPORTANT tour Remarks:

- Tourist infrastructure and facilities outside the cities are very limited & often quite primitive.
- Hotels may change at the last minute without prior notice due to reasons beyond our control.
- In the more remote areas, hotels will be very basic with poor service, few amenities, and possible equipment failure such as no hot water, broken faucets, clogged drains, inadequate a/c, etc.
- Some hotels do not have twin beds.
- Air-conditioners in this part of the world do not cool a room to American standards of comfort.
- Brownouts or blackouts may occur or there may be limited electricity available.
- Local flights can change without notice and may require amending the itinerary.
- **This trip involves long drives in hot weather over poorly maintained and very bumpy roads. Some vehicles may be in poor condition. Those with bad spines, knees or other medical conditions may find the drives uncomfortable.**
- There are a lack of modern medical facilities and chronic health problems should be discussed with your physician before joining this tour.
- A high level of flexibility, tolerance, respect, open-mindedness, sense of adventure, and willingness to go with the flow if things change is expected while visiting this country.

Tour Cost (Land Only): \$1,895.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$595.00

Price based on group size minimum of 4 participants and maximum of 12 participants

Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ***



Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Accommodation in superior hotels (3-4 star) as mentioned in the itinerary or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Transportation by 4-WD or vans.
- Bata - Malabo flight.
- English-speaking guide or naturalist/assistant during all tours.
- All activities described in the tour and entrance fees to all sites mentioned.
- Bottled water on touring days.

Tour does not include:

- International airfare in and out of Equatorial Guinea.
- **Equatorial Guinea visa** (E-visa \$200 - subject to change).
- Alcoholic drinks and beverages with or without meals and meals not mentioned.
- **Yellow fever** and **polio** are required for entry.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, and porters.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Travel protection insurance (HIGHLY Recommended).

Trip Grade:

II Active: Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.

Lodging Level:

***** Superior:** Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to the western standards (3 or 4 stars).

